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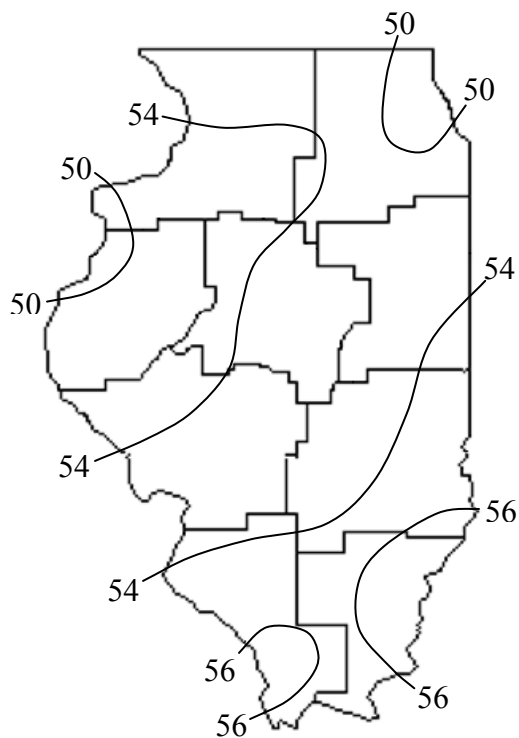
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Agricultural Summary

Field and weather conditions were much more favorable across Illinois this past week. Some producers were able to take advantage of every opportunity to continue planting, while others were still hampered by wet fields. Other activities include tending to livestock, spreading fertilizer, and hauling manure. There were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 34 percent surplus. The average weekly temperature was 3.6 degrees below normal. Precipitation this past week was 0.39 inch below normal.

Crop Progress				
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	2007	5-Year Average
May 4				
CORN:				
Planted	28	6	62	76
Emerged	1	<u>1</u> /	22	33
SOYBEANS:				
Planted	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	5	11
SORGHUM:				
Planted	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	11	11
WHEAT:				
Headed	5	1	33	30
Filled	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	1	1
OATS:				
Planted	80	54	90	96
Headed	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	1	2
ALFALFA:				
First cutting	1	<u>1</u> /	5	5
RED CLOVER:				
Cutting	1	<u>1</u> /	5	3

1/ Less than one percent.

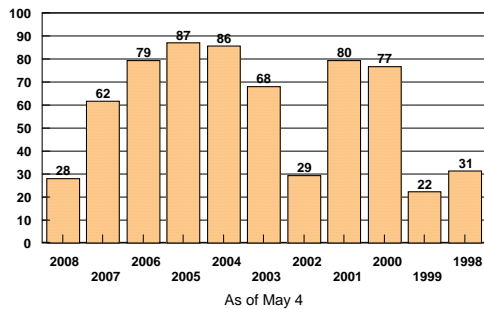


4-inch Bare Soil Temp (°F)
May 4 10 a.m.

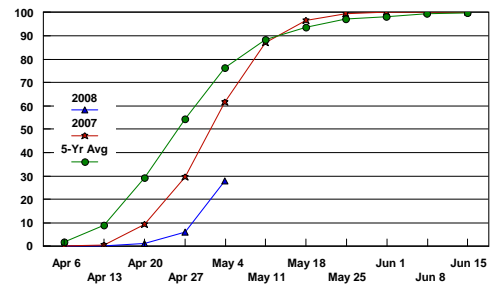
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 28 – May 4		May 4			
Northwest	3.2	–	–	59	41
Northeast	3.5	–	–	75	25
West	3.2	6	6	57	31
Central	4.0	–	–	61	39
East	4.4	–	–	78	22
W Southwest	3.6	–	1	60	39
E Southeast	5.1	–	–	82	18
Southwest	3.1	–	–	26	74
Southeast	4.3	–	–	37	63
State	3.9	1	1	64	34

Corn - Percent Planted
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Crop Conditions

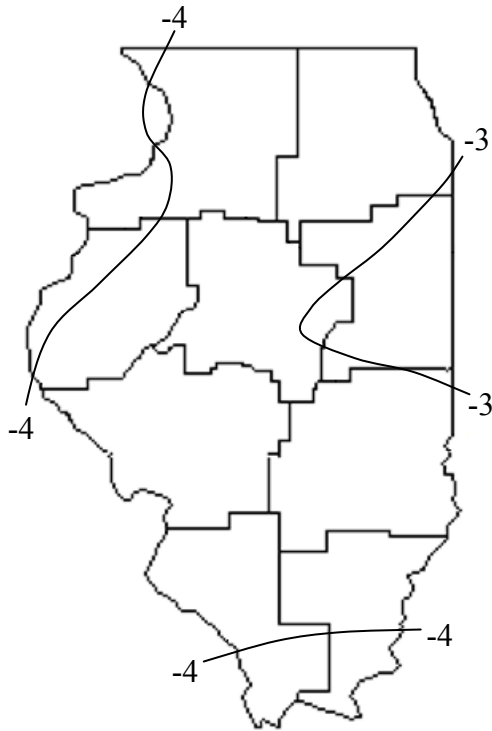
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
May 4					
Winter Wheat	1	4	24	62	9
Alfalfa	-	4	24	62	10
Red Clover	-	-	30	61	9
Pasture	-	4	21	60	15

Crop Progress by Districts

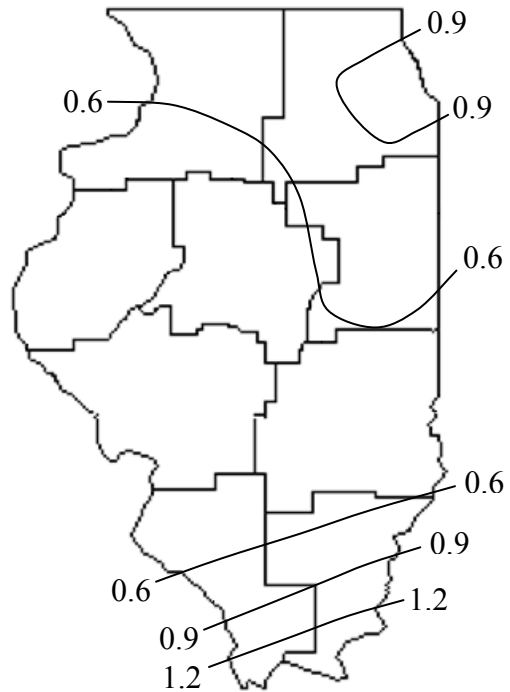
District	Corn Planted
May 4	
Northwest	14
Northeast	19
West	18
Central	34
East	41
W Southwest	24
E Southeast	45
Southwest	17
Southeast	17
State	28

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
April 28 - May 4						
Northwest	50.2	-3.9	0.52	-0.23	20	0
Northeast	49.5	-3.7	0.92	0.19	21	3
West	52.9	-3.8	0.50	-0.37	32	3
Central	52.8	-3.3	0.39	-0.41	32	5
East	52.6	-2.8	0.60	-0.27	31	6
W Southwest	54.0	-3.8	0.50	-0.49	36	3
E Southeast	54.4	-3.7	0.45	-0.65	36	3
Southwest	55.9	-3.5	0.53	-0.73	42	4
Southeast	56.0	-3.7	0.85	-0.60	41	2
State	53.0	-3.6	0.58	-0.39	32	3



Temperature (°F) Departure
April 28 - May 4



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 28 - May 4

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